

In this, or in any view, the tracing and fixing on the ground, the line of separation between the United States and these territories of the North-west is of great importance. The rapid settlement of Minnesota, shortly to be admitted a state of the American Union, renders this the more necessary, for as civilisation approaches the boundary, so will be increased the difficulty of maintaining the distinction between the rights of the two nations on the frontier. Already, the Committee have reason to believe that difficulties in this respect have occurred, or at least have been threatened, and the importance cannot be underrated of early guarding against any such.

The Committee are most anxious that Canadian interests should be properly represented before the proposed Committee of the House, and that opportunity should be afforded for carefully and closely watching any evidence that may be adduced before that body, and they will take the earliest occasion of suggesting to your Excellency the manner in which they conceive this can be best accomplished. Situated as Canada is, she necessarily has an immediate interest in every portion of British North America, and the question of the jurisdiction and title claimed by the Hudson's Bay Company is to her of paramount importance.

(Certified.)

(signed) *Wm. H. Lee, C. E. C.*

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